



Together we learn. Together we grow.

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that everyone has had a restful holiday and managed to enjoy some family time.

We have started the new year with a focus on our school value of collaboration. At Leasowes we whole heartedly believe in our motto, 'Together we Learn. Together we Grow'. This is underpinned by our school values. During our assembly to welcome back the children, I read a story about collaborating and how we all need to work together, spot talent in each other, so that we can learn from it and be the very best that we can be. This led me to discuss SESAT. As you are all aware, Leasowes is part of SESAT (South East Stafford Academy Trust). This means that we work in collaboration with Barnfields. Over the last couple of years, much work has taken place behind the scenes to align our administration and finance practices, enabling the Trust to have greater autonomy over our strategic direction. After two years of working together, we have revisited our vision and values as a Multi-Academy Trust. We have tweaked them to demonstrate the fundamentals that drive our schools, ensuring we continually provide the best outcomes for our children. Please see overleaf or access through our website, via 'About Us' and by clicking 'SESAT'. Now that we have completed a lot of the 'behind the scenes' work, we are starting to drive the teaching and learning, collaboratively sharing best practice across schools. In addition, as well as teachers working closely together, we now intend on the children working together. This will develop overtime and will not only benefit the children whilst at Primary School, but also build friendships as the children move onto secondary education. Watch this space; the future is exciting for children in SESAT.

One of our SESAT values is nurturing talents and seeking opportunities to further grow staff and children and build leadership capacity. Due to the size of Leasowes and the importance that we place on our curriculum, we decided that we could offer an Assistant Headteacher role with specific responsibilities including the curriculum. In the Autumn term we advertised an internal post. The field was extremely strong and shortlisted candidates were part of a robust process. I am thrilled to announce that Mrs Till was the successful candidate and has been appointed as our Assistant Headteacher from January this year. Mrs Till already has a huge impact on the outcomes for children and we are excited about what she can bring to this new post. We wish her all the very best.

As always, it is really important that we communicate effectively with you about your children. Therefore, if you have a query about your child, the best person to initially contact is the class teacher. If you feel you need to speak to someone more senior, please contact the phase leaders. The phase leaders know their departments well and share information at Senior Leadership Meetings with Mr Coombs and myself.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Bettany

Making a Difference

Four of our pupils approached me about supporting Cancer Research after learning that so many people are affected by it and what a devastating impact it can have. After explaining that we have to consider when we fundraise and how we do it, they came up with a plan. Amelia, Abigail, Erin and QiQi will be holding a cake sale at the end of school on **Friday 1st February**. This will be inside the school gates where the children are collected from KS2. The fundraising event has been organised by the girls and their parents. If you feel that you can support them, then please buy a cake.

All proceeds will go to Cancer Research.

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Year 5
Forest
Schools
starts
Monday
14th
January

Next Week
Online
Safety
Assembly
for Years
3-6

Science
Curiosity
Corner
to return in
the next
newsletter.

South East Stafford Academy Trust

SESAT Vision

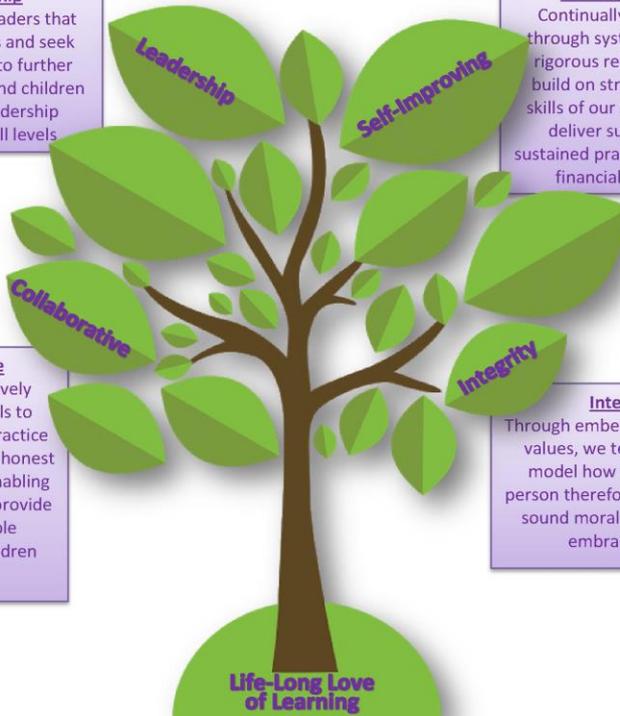
SESAT is committed to working collaboratively to develop the strength of all schools across the MAT within a self-improving system. Led by inspirational and innovative leaders, who have a clear and relentless focus on sustained school improvement, we ensure that our outstanding education continually evolves to give our children the best possible start in life. This is driven by our shared belief of providing our children with a broad and exciting curriculum, with embedded values that enables them to thrive in our ever changing society and to develop a life-long love of learning.

Leadership

Inspirational leaders that nurture talents and seek opportunities to further grow the staff and children and build leadership capacity at all levels

Self-Improving

Continually evolving, through systematic and rigorous reflection, to build on strengths and skills of our schools and deliver successful, sustained practice through financial probity



Collaborative

Work collaboratively across the schools to share skills, best practice and have open and honest communication, enabling us to challenge to provide the best possible outcomes for children

Integrity

Through embedded vision and values, we teach and role model how to be a good person therefore developing a sound moral compass and embracing life

Life-Long Love of Learning

Propel children to embrace a love of learning, igniting curiosity and the desire to develop an inquisitive mind

Year 4
swimming
starts
Monday
14th
January

Year 6
SATs
meeting
for parents
takes place
Monday
14th
January at
5.30pm in
the KS2
Hall.
Enter via
Year 5

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

In our before and after school club 'Leasowes Extra' there are a plethora of exciting activities taking place this half term, based around their chosen themes. The Early Years children will be having lots of fun around the theme of 'Our Five Senses'. Activities will include making musical instruments and scented play dough, hunting for mini beasts in the woodland with the magnifying glasses and food tasting – blindfolded! Running alongside these will be some of the children's favourites: tasty treats and messy play nights, which are always a huge hit.

The exciting activities taking place in KS1/2 are based on the theme 'Space and the Universe'. The activities will include a collaborative effort to make a huge space rocket for display in the porch area, decorating planet biscuits, making moon and star mobiles, marble painting, wax painting and creating solar system crowns. Alongside this theme, they will also be thinking about Winter, Chinese New Year, designing pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and a range of activities for Valentine's Day.

We currently have limited availability in both of the after school settings. If you wish to make an enquiry please contact by emailing extra@leasowes.staffs.sch.uk or by calling 01785 337375.

Mrs Caven